


REMARKS

In response to the Office Communication dated February 24, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit an amendment to include all of the previously filed, but unentered, Amendments in a single document, and additional claims amendments to Claim 25, included only for form. The claim amendments are considered to comply with all the requirements for claim amendments.

The Examiner is kindly requested to enter the above amendments and to reconsider the patentability of the claims, as amended, in view of the arguments for patentability filed on February 14, 2003. In order to provide a more compact prosecution, the Examiner is kindly requested to telephone the undersigned attorney if any other formal discrepancies are encountered with the form of the amendment.

As a result of the above Amendments and for the reasons set forth and remarks filed on February 14, 2003, it is respectfully submitted that the combination of elements recited in the pending claims, as amended, distinguish over the references of record, and that all outstanding rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, an indication of allowable subject matter is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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